

# Pan and the Nymphs

aka Forever Alone: The Myth

# Who is this Pan dude?

- Pan was the god of forests, hunters and shepherds and their flocks.
- He was supposed to live in Arcadia, the most beautiful area in Greece.



# Birth

- He was the son of Hermes and a wood nymph.
- He was born pretty ugly, with the feet and horns of a goat.
- Nonetheless the gods loved him as one of their own.



# Pan cont.

- He hid deep in the forest, and would startle travelers with his unearthly howls when he was in a bad mood. The word panic comes from the terror of Pan.
- But when he was in a good mood he loved to party with Dionysus, Silenus, and the other satyrs. He also loved all the nymphs to a fault.

# Syrinx

- One of the nymphs he loved was the naiad Syrinx, but she thought he was ugly and ran away from him. He chased her and she asked her father, the river god Ladon, to save her.
- Ladon turned her into a reed, and Pan couldn't tell which one she was. So he made his signature panpipes out of the reeds in her honor.



# Pitys + Echo aka Friendzoned Again

- He also fell in love with the oreades Pitys and Echo. Like Syrinx, Pitys was a daughter of Ladon, and was transformed to a fir tree to escape him.
- Echo was a nymph cursed by Hera to only repeat what others said. Pan loved her, but she fell in love with Narcissus, and when Narcissus died she wasted away until only her voice was left.
- He wasn't always rejected, though. He did end up having children with the nymphs Eupheme and Symaethis.



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